



## Donald Andrew Rameika

November 26, 1946 - November 18, 2023

Donald Andrew Rameika of Sudlersville, MD died at his home surrounded by his family on November 18, 2023. He was 76.

He was born on November 26, 1946, in Providence, Rhode Island, the son of the late Anthony and Julia Palones Rameika.

He graduated from North Providence High School class of 1964 and served in the U.S. Air Force from 1964-1969 in Vietnam. He was honorably discharged, returned to New England, and went on to graduate from Johnson & Wales College with a BA in business management. He then met the love of his life on a blind date at a bowling alley in November of 1972, a short six months later they were married on March 9, 1973. (Thanks for setting them up Uncle Roland!) They moved to Sudlersville, MD in 1977 where they laid their roots and had and raised their family together.

Mr. Rameika had a long career beginning in 1969, where he worked as a Cable Splicing Technician for New England Telephone, C & P, Bell Atlantic, which later became Verizon until his retirement in 2002.

He was a Benefactor Member of the NRA, an associate life member of the Marine Corps League and the Harley's Owners Group, and a member of Jefferson Davis American Legion Post #18 in Centreville.

Most days, rain or shine, you could find him out on his Harley, notably every New Year's Day he would take a ride, no matter the weather, to meet his son and daughter, saying "the first day of the year is how you will spend the rest of your year". He also enjoyed hunting, fishing, woodworking, but most of all he

loved his family.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his brother, Bob Rameika and his granddaughter, Roxanne Rameika.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Marie Rameika, along with his children: Sean Rameika (Edy) of Clifton, VA, Mark Rameika (Tabitha) of Rock Hall, MD, and Melissa Smith (Adam) of Henderson, MD; 6 grandchildren, Nadine, Morgan, Nate, Jacob, Alison and Kinsley; 4 great grandchildren, Christian, Eden, Liam and Lainey.

A Celebration of his Life will be held on Saturday December 9, 2023 at 12:00 pm at Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home 130 Speer Road Chestertown, MD where relatives and friends are invited to share a story or memory.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to: Tunnel to Towers Foundation [www.t2t.org/donate](http://www.t2t.org/donate).

[www.fhnfuneralhome.com](http://www.fhnfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## celebration of life

DEC 9. 12:00 PM (ET)

Fellows Helfenbien & Newnam  
130 Speer Rd  
Chestertown , MD 21620

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Donald Andrew Rameika*



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**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - December 09, 2023 at 10:26 AM



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Donald Andrew Rameika*

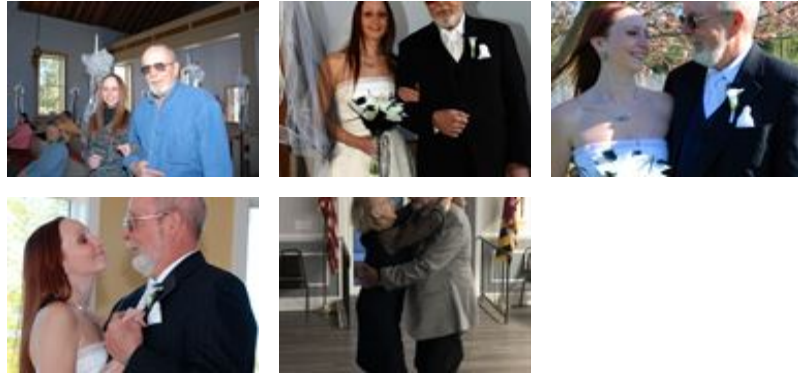


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**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - December 07, 2023 at 01:37 PM



“ 14 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - December 07, 2023 at 04:26 PM



“ Dave Griffin lit a candle in memory of Donald Andrew Rameika



Dave Griffin - December 07, 2023 at 03:34 PM



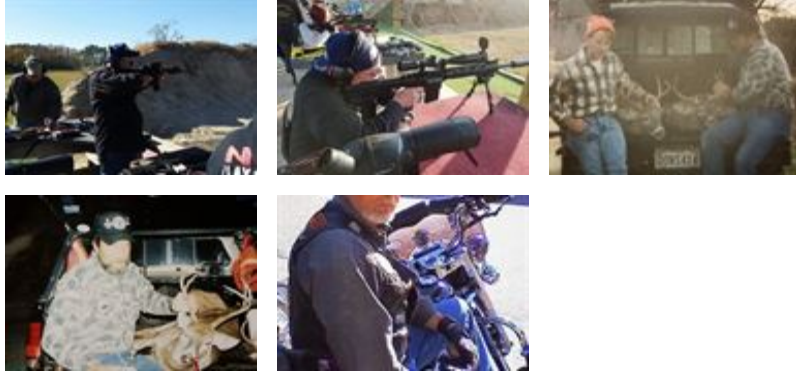
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Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - December 07, 2023 at 01:36 PM



“ 6 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - December 05, 2023 at 11:43 AM

CE

“ Christian and Eden planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald Andrew Rameika.

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**Christian and Eden** - December 05, 2023 at 07:09 AM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Donald Andrew Rameika.



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December 05, 2023 at 07:09 AM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Donald Andrew Rameika.



December 05, 2023 at 06:58 AM



“ Nadine, Nathan, Jacob and Sami planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald Andrew Rameika.

**Nadine, Nathan, Jacob and Sami** - December 05, 2023 at 06:58 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Donald Andrew Rameika.

December 05, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Donald Andrew Rameika.



December 05, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald Andrew Rameika.*



December 04, 2023 at 06:56 PM

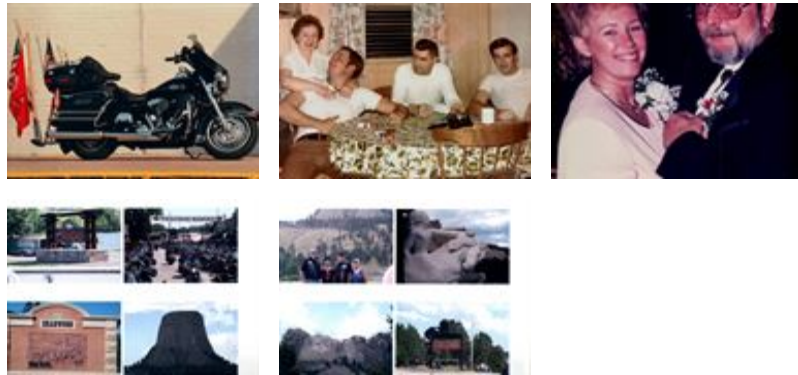


“ *Kathi & Mike Rohe & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald Andrew Rameika.*

**Kathi & Mike Rohe & Family** - December 04, 2023 at 06:56 PM



“ *58 files added to the album Life Tributes*



**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - November 27, 2023 at 12:19 PM

EM

“ Eddie And Tina Moaney lit a candle in memory of Donald Andrew Rameika



Eddie and Tina Moaney - November 25, 2023 at 07:45 PM

TF

“ The Dobbins Family lit a candle in memory of Donald Andrew Rameika



The Dobbins Family - November 25, 2023 at 06:19 PM

TF

“ Don was one of the most interesting people we have ever met. He didn't say much but when he did folks listened. He would impart words of wisdom, humor or correction with the same stoic resolve. He was a good father, grandfather and above all else husband to Marie. They were meant to be and fit each other perfectly! Don will be missed by all who knew him. Condolences to the Rameika family.

The Dobbins Family - November 25, 2023 at 06:18 PM

GP

“ Gene And Lynda Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of Donald Andrew Rameika



Gene and Lynda Palmatary - November 22, 2023 at 02:40 PM

SG

“ Words can never express how saddened I am by your loss! Dad was a great man and a wonderful father-in-law, even when we disagreed on something. I’ve never met a stronger man with such a generous heart. He will always have a special place in my heart. My love and sympathy to everyone!

Stephanie Anne Gootee - November 22, 2023 at 10:30 AM

BD

“ Bennett Downes lit a candle in memory of Donald Andrew Rameika



Bennett Downes - November 22, 2023 at 07:32 AM

IC

“ Dear Marie and Family,  
You have our deepest sympathy and prayers.  
Iris Carter and Family



Iris Carter - November 21, 2023 at 06:07 PM

MC

“ Marie, So Sorry For Your Loss, Donald Was A Great Man!

Marion Chance - November 21, 2023 at 06:04 PM

BC

“ Marie and family, I was so sorry to read of Don's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.



Butch and Sally Coursey - November 21, 2023 at 04:45 PM

ND

“ I'm so sorry Marie and kids. Don was a great friend, fellow verizon employee, and fellow union officer dedicated to his family,his work,and the union members he served and last but not least a fellow veteran. Rip my friend

Neil Dadds - November 21, 2023 at 10:19 AM

ND

“ Neil Dadds lit a candle in memory of Donald Andrew Rameika



Neil Dadds - November 21, 2023 at 09:11 AM

LK

“ My sympathies to the family for the loss of Don. My thoughts are with you all.

Laurie Beauchamp Kimbles - November 21, 2023 at 08:21 AM